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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY REORGANIZATION

During the latter part of 1986 and the beginning of 1987, the Library has been conducting a management review to redirect personnel, financial, and other resources to achieve new goals. The demand of Library users for new products and services resulting from changing research and information needs and from the increasing success of NAL's own outreach and cooperation efforts, innovations in technology such as the Library's integrated computer system and CD-ROM, laser video, and digital disk systems, the cuts in funding mandated by deficit reduction acts on the one hand and increases provided for new programs on the other, improvement programs in areas such as productivity and effectiveness, and evolving cooperation with and support from other agencies and institutions, have joined to necessitate reorganization. The announced functional changes and the objectives for them, resulting organizational restructuring, and key management staff assignments for each of the three major divisions follow. Related changes in responsibilities and personnel for the Collection Development Staff and the Education and Information Staff are also indicated in the Public Services section of the report. --Editor's note.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIVISION REORGANIZATION

by Carl Cantrell

Within the scope of the management review begun in 1986, the Information Systems Division (ISD) initiated an effort to reorganize, utilizing a more logical arrangement along functional lines. Pamela Andre, Chief of the Division, announced and began implementing changes in mid-1986.

As the ISD management team, consisting of the division chief and group leaders, became involved in the management review process, they realized that a logical organizational redesign was needed, and key areas which required attention were identified. They began by redefining the organizational group responsibility to better utilize both material resources and staff, and as a

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TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION REORGANIZATION

by Sarah Thomas

In December 1986, Sarah Thomas, Chief, Technical Services Division (TSD), announced the reorganization of the Division, the result of several months of planning and discussion with NAL senior management. The purpose of the reorganization is to streamline workflow, to improve productivity, to create greater flexibility in the use of Division staff, and, as a consequence, to reduce costs or improve the quantity and quality of work performed in the Division.

Several changes took place under the reorganization, which was to a great extent motivated by the selection of the VTLS integrated library system (ILS) for NAL. In planning for the introduction of the ILS, it became apparent that certain functions were logically grouped together in

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PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION REORGANIZATION

by Keith Russell

The reorganization of the Public Services Division (PSD) was announced in February 1987 by Keith Russell, Chief of the Division. The announcement followed nearly four months of analysis and planning by key Division staff and NAL management. Changes were effective on April 1.

This reorganization, which resulted in part from the NAL-wide management review process, should enable the Division to make modest improvements in programs and services despite current staffing and budget limitations. The new structure is more logical than the previous one, and it more clearly supports present NAL priorities. Duplication of effort has been eliminated as much as possible, and responsibilities of units and individuals are better defined. In addition, the reorganization allows new assignments and duties for a large number of staff, thus resulting in staff development opportunities.

Significant changes resulting from the reorganization include reduction in the number of branches reporting to the Chief from six to four.

The new Reference Branch is a combination of the two former subject-related branches: Economics and Marketing; and Farming and Forestry. This branch is headed by Jennie Brogdon, formerly Head of Economics and Marketing. Branch staff will emphasize general reference, online search services, operation of the reference desk, and coordination of the development and maintenance of the reference collection, and will also participate in general collection development and information center and training activities.

The new Information Centers Branch unites staff for the 12 NAL information centers in order to coordinate and control activities of the centers more logically and to eliminate duplication of effort. This branch is headed by

Robyn Frank, who was head of the Food, Nutrition and Human Ecology Branch. It will emphasize the development and operation of existing and emerging information centers whose staff will continue involvement in subject-related reference, liaison and collection development activities.

The new Special Services Branch combines many outreach and technology-related activities of the Division. This branch is headed by Elizabeth Goldberg, formerly Head of Farming and Forestry. The new Branch includes Special Collections, the DC Reference Center, the Arboretum Library, the technology demonstration center, and the software demonstration center, and incorporates responsibility for exhibits, AGRICOLA training and user education, partially transferred from the Education and Information Staff (EIS).

The Lending Branch changes slightly as a result of the reorganization, primarily by assuming lending-related activities from other units in order to reduce duplication of effort, and by giving up binding to the Technical Services Division. It also absorbed the Translations Unit, which is responsible for USDA clearances and ordering literature to be translated. In addition the Lending Branch has undergone major internal changes and reorganization over the past 18 months.

Several staffing changes coincided with this reorganization: Joseph Swab, Assistant to the Chief of PSD, and Maria Pisa, Leader, Special Services and Communications, EIS, have exchanged positions. Mary Lassanyi, formerly Head of the DC Reference Center, will head a new information center on agricultural trade and marketing, and will become the division's lead person and resident advisor on issues related to fundraising and grantsmanship--two very important topics as NAL continues to seek external funding for special projects.

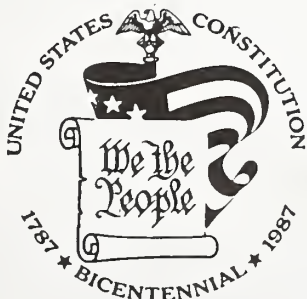
Since the stacks collection of the DC Reference Center (DCRC) was moved to Beltsville last year, the nature of the services offered at DCRC will probably change more drastically than ever envisioned. While those changes are being planned, Maria Pisa will be acting head of DCRC. Susan Whitmore will be assigned to DCRC, as well.

Coordinators of some of the information centers are changing; they are: Agricultural Trade and Marketing--Mary Lassanyi; Alternative Farming Systems--Jayne MacLean; Animal Welfare--Jean Larson (Acting); Aquaculture--Debbie Hanfman; Biotechnology--Jean Larson; Critical Agricultural Materials--Jerry Rafats (Acting); Family--Kathleen Hayes; Fiber--Kathleen Hayes; Food and Nutrition--Jim Krebs-Smith; Food Irradiation--Carole Shore; Horticulture--Jayne MacLean; Rural Information--Kathleen Hayes.

Responsibility for leadership and coordination of preservation activities has been passed from the Division to Les Kulp, Collection Development Officer, Office of the Director. Division managers had recommended that change in order to highlight the importance as well as the NAL-wide nature of preservation activities, which Joe Swab had been coordinating on a pro-tem basis.

The "crossover" positions established in 1984 are being phased-out gradually. Alternative steps will be taken to ensure NAL staff has a good understanding of what goes on in other units of the library. Some of those activities will take place as part of NAL's staff sharing program; others will be less formal.

While all NAL staff involved in planning this reorganization view the new structure as an improvement, it does not solve every problem. Over the next several months Division staff will monitor and evaluate the results of these changes, and make modifications as needed.



NAL AT ALA, SAN FRANCISCO

The National Agricultural Library will hold its meeting with the Land Grant Librarians, USDA Field Librarians and other interested professionals on Tuesday afternoon, June 30, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Colombard Room of the Meridien Hotel. All interested persons are invited to attend. Director Joseph Howard and other NAL management staff will brief participants on the NAL reorganization, developments in NAL information services, updates on projects such as that of text digitizing, and other innovations in the use of technology. Following that meeting there will be a meeting of the Aquaculture Network, to be led by Deborah Hanfman, coordinator of NAL's Aquaculture Information Center, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the same room. Participants in the earlier meeting are invited to stay for the Aquaculture meeting.

NAL will be exhibiting at the Moscone Convention Center from June 27 to June 30. Featured will be AGRICOLA on CD-ROM, demonstrations of the expert or advisory systems developed by NAL Staff, AGRICOLearn--the interactive video-disc system for self-instruction in the use of AGRICOLA, and the 2nd edition of the full text database laser disk, featuring the Pork Industry Handbook and 12 other full-text publications.

NAL staff will be making presentations at various meetings as follows: Deborah Hanfman on the development of the Aqua-Ref expert system, followed by a demonstration, at the LITA meeting at 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 29; Joseph Swab on Bindery Specifications at the RTSD Commercial Technical Services Committee meeting at 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30. (See the final ALA Program for places and verification of times.) A complete list of the names of NAL staff attending the ALA Annual Conference and their hotels will be available at the NAL exhibit.

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result of their study two new branches were formed. The Information Technology Group was replaced by the Library Automation Branch, which is headed by Bill Feidt, and the Database Management and Support Group was replaced by the Database Administration Branch, which is headed by Gary McCone.

Following the realignment and the formation of the new branches, the first major change to be implemented was the creation of a production unit, placing more emphasis on the day-to-day activity of actual product creation, accuracy verification, and delivery of printouts, catalog cards, AGRICOLA tapes, etc., and bringing together the many and varied production activities taking place daily within ISD. The production unit was incorporated into the newly formed Library Automation Branch.

The next major change was the merging of the Current Awareness Literature Service (CALS) into the Database Administration Branch. For a prolonged period of time, the CALS activity had been treated as a completely separate entity within ISD, and with the formation of the new Branch it fit logically into the overall organization. The structure for identification of CALS expenditures and other budgeting processes were not altered so as to maintain continuity in the accounting process which involves funds originating in other USDA agencies.

Within the Office of the Chief, ISD, a new position, Assistant to the Chief, was created to provide much needed support for the many daily routine matters confronting that office, and to provide consultation and advice on both management and technical issues. Carl Cantrell was appointed to this position.

The new ISD organizational structure will do much toward smoothing the road for the incoming Integrated System for Information Services (ISIS: the NAL version of the Virginia Tech Library

System, VTLS), which is scheduled for initial implementation within the next few weeks. The responsibility for ISIS operation has been placed in the Library Automation Branch with product control in the production unit. Roberta Rand is the ISIS coordinator.

As we move further along, terminating the data collection phase of the management review and entering into the analysis phase of the management plan in 1987, the ISD management team will be focusing on the organizational strategy and applying further correction to problem areas as necessary.

VISITORS

Marcos Sahlu (right), Head, Information Processing Unit, International Livestock Center for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is visiting NAL for 3 weeks.



He has developed an expert system on CGIAR Research Centers. Chen Qulbo, (below left), Deputy Director, Technico-Scientific Information Research Institute, South China Academy of Tropical Crops, Hainan, Guangdong, China, is visiting for a half year. Mr. Chen will write an information review with bibliography and index on an area of tropical agriculture, and will prepare a plan to develop his library. Gary McCone, Head, Database Management, NAL, is below right.



TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION REORGANIZATION

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the VTLS system, and that TSD workflow would need to be adapted to make efficient use of the system. Under the reorganization, the activities of ordering, serials check-in, and binding were brought together into one unit, the Acquisitions and Serials Branch headed by Victoria Reich (whose position is vacant since her departure from NAL on May 8). This change is also in line with recommendations made by two consultants, that serials ordering and check-in be more closely aligned. As workflow in the Branch becomes better defined, it is expected that some serial check-in staff will be diverted to other acquisitions functions, such as order, gift and exchange, or fiscal. Staff may cross over into different functions for job enhancement and to put available resources into highest priority activities.

A second major change under the reorganization was the combining of the serials cataloging function with other cataloging done in the Division. In the process, those staff whose primary responsibility was associated with cataloging and cataloging input in the Serials Branch joined with existing Cataloging Branch staff to form one unit headed by Idalia Acosta, former Head of the Serials Branch. It is also anticipated that the reorganization will result in additional realignment of personnel within the Branch, with duties and responsibilities for catalogers and support staff undergoing considerable revision as the staff from the two areas are integrated. Some of the immediate benefits of bringing all catalogers together into one unit are greater depth and coverage in foreign languages, greater standardization of procedures, centralization of NACO processing, and greater flexibility in handling multiple formats and media.

The third significant achievement of the reorganization was the creation of a high-level staff assistant to the Division Chief. This position paral-

leled equivalent positions already established in the Public Services Division and the Information Systems Division, and is designed to provide assistance to the Chief on management issues and other Division-wide activities. This position is held by Patricia John, former head of the Cataloging Branch.

The Indexing Branch was not structurally changed in the reorganization, although workflow adjustments and the introduction of the VTLS system will very likely also have a great impact on this Branch. Shirley Edwards, Head, Indexing Branch, will work closely with her counterparts in TSD management to assess the interrelationship of the three TSD branches.

In the coming months, TSD managers will be evaluating progress made by the reorganized Division and will be making adjustments as necessary in order to meet its ultimate object, the support of the mission and goals of the National Agricultural Library.



VISITORS FROM THE LIBRARY OF THE CHINESE
ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (LCAAS)

Mrs. Wu Zeyi, Deputy Director of the Information Retrieval Division of the LCAAS, (left), Mr. He Chunpei, Sci-Tech Information Institute of the CAAS (interpreter, left center), and Mr. Jiao Bin, First Associate Director, LCAAS, (right center), with Joseph H. Howard, Director, NAL. The primary purpose of the 3-week visit was to discuss and sign an agreement to merge Chinese records into the AGRIS/AGRICOLA database, and to pursue interests in online searching, library administration, and agricultural publishing. The three also visited other major libraries and institutions in the D.C. and N.Y. areas.

NAL NAMES ITS INTEGRATED SYSTEM-- ISIS

The Director of the National Agricultural Library, Joseph H. Howard, has announced the selection of ISIS as the name of the Library's newly acquired integrated library system. The name, an acronym which will stand for "Integrated System for Information Services," is derived from Isis, the Egyptian goddess of the Earth, who was credited with showing people the use of wheat and barley. The computer system which will integrate input, maintenance, and output processes into one system for acquisitions, cataloging, indexing, preservation, circulation, reference, and generation of new products, will complement in name NAL's database AGRICOLA.

Shortly after the National Agricultural Library announced its acquisition of an Integrated Library System (ILS) from Virginia Tech Library Systems, Inc. (VTLS) in the fall of 1986 [see *ALIN*, 12(10):4, Oct. 1986], speculation began among staff about what to name the system. In January 1987, Gary K. McCone, Head, Database Administration Branch, Information Systems Division (ISD) announced a "Name-Calling Contest" to name the integrated library system.

By the time the contest closed on February 27, over 60 entries had been submitted by about 25% of the NAL staff. Most were acronyms, ranging from the very straight forward NALILS (National Agricultural Library Integrated Library System) to the humorous FOPA (Further Opportunities to Pursue Agriculture), to the clever JOE HOWARD (Just One Example of HOW Automated Retrieval is Developing), to the metaphorical VirgINAL (Virginia and NAL, the virginal is a keyboard instrument resembling a computer terminal, also a collection of literature presaging the database). A number of agricultural terms made the list, including BACON (Bibliographic Access Online), BARN (Bibliographic Access and Retrieval Network), CROPS (Cataloging and Reference Operations Processing System) and SILO (System for Integrated Library Operations). Sug-

gestions which were not acronyms (or only partly) included, Agline, Aglook, Agricom, Grow, Growlit, Lookag, NALLine, NALLink, NALLook, The System, and Agricolode (where lode is a rich source or supply).

Perhaps someone on the staff would have preferred a competing system instead of VTLS (an entry pronounced "vittles" as in "victuals"), for GEAC was entered, but then again maybe poking fun at a loser (Government Employees' Agricultural Computer). Also poking fun were POpigKE (Rumored to be the Absarokan Indian god of agriculture; said to deliver a bag containing a hog to newly-elected chiefs), YESVA (Yes, Virginia, there is an integrated library system), and PAMELA (Pretty Antiquated Manual Excuse for Library Automation: was this submitted perhaps by someone on the staff of Pamela Andre, Chief of ISD?)

The Library's VTLS Implementation Team (Kathleen Dougherty, Cataloging; Veronica Lefebvre, Lending; Bill Feidt and Gary McCone, ISD) submitted 12 top choices to senior management for selection, including ACORN (Automated Cataloging Online Retrieval Network); Aglink; ARBOR (Agricultural Research through Bibliographic Online Retrieval); BACON; BARN; CROPS; ISIS; JOE HOWARD; NAILS (National Agricultural Integrated Library System); NALIIS (National Agricultural Library Integrated Information System); OASIS (Online Automated Searching Information System) and SILO.

After all the cerebral effort staff expended to create clever and jocose entries using agricultural terms, the judges eliminated in their selection process those which were too narrow in scope or too closely tied to agriculture. The judges also did not know the names of the persons who submitted the entries. The final laugh in this comedy came when the name of the contest winner was announced: none other than NAL's own wit, Gary McCone.

Gary McCone



NAL ESTABLISHES SOFTWARE DEMONSTRATION CENTERS AND SEEKS SOFTWARE DONATIONS

Buying software packages without first subjecting them to a thorough review can be a risky and costly business! Trying to get copies of software to review can be a difficult task! To provide some relief for prospective software buyers, the National Agricultural Library has established two software demonstration centers. The first of these is in the Food and Nutrition Information Center (FNIC), which currently holds over 130 software programs for dietary analysis, food service, and nutrition and consumer education. The second, in the Special Services Branch, now holds about 70 software packages in all areas of agriculture and related subjects, including general purpose software with applications in the agricultural community. The latter collection is being processed now and should be available for public use by Fall 1987.

Both demonstration centers make available software for in-house review and evaluation by NAL users. Software packages are not available for loan. NAL subject and reference specialists assist patrons in software selection and use. Computer hardware available for demonstrating software includes a variety of IBMPCs, Apples, and others. The Library invites scientists, researchers, farmers, food service and extension service personnel, teachers, economists, administrators and others to review software. A visit to the centers could prove to be a cost-effective investment.


A sample of titles in the FNIC center are the following with their sources: What Did You Eat Yesterday, The Learning Seed; Cafeteria Inventory Control Data Manager, Precision Computer Systems; Food Poisoning, Sanitation and Preservation, Exar Communications; Recipe Writer Pro, At-Your-Service Software; Sweet Tooth, Dietary Data Analysis; Weight Planning, Univ. of Idaho.

Among titles in the Software Demonstration Center are: Alligator Mix, Texas

Instruments; Catfish and Shrimp Production, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station; Cell Growth & Mitosis, Classroom Consortia Media; Hye-Valley Payroll User's Guide, Advanced Business Microsystems; Knowledge Master, Geology 1, Academic Hallmarks; Macintosh MacDraw, Apple Computer; Mutimate Professional Word Processor 3.3, Mutimate International Corp.; Soyseed: Soybean Variety Choice, Dr. Karin Wisiol; Workbench: Apple II Pascal 1.3, Apple Computer.

Titles cited above are gifts to the Library which would not be available to users except for the generosity of their donors. Budget constraints prevent NAL from purchasing software. NAL acknowledges the value of these products and thanks contributors for their gifts. NAL also seeks additional software for the centers, and asks readers to donate software or to suggest software which will enhance NAL's collection. Please contact: Exchange and Gift Program, Room 002, Attn: Susan Fugate; National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD 20705; (301) 344-3737. To donate software to FNIC contact Jim Krebs-Smith at the address below.

Donated software will not be loaned and will be carefully supervised to ensure compliance with copyright restrictions and/or conditions of the gift. Holdings will be cataloged and indexed for AGRICOLA, the Library's database of citations to agricultural information. AGRICOLA is available to users online through DIALOG and BRS, two national database vendors. As a beneficial result donors gain valuable marketing exposure through the services of the software demonstration centers and the bibliographic products of NAL.

NAL intends to publish a bibliography of software holdings which will be updated from time to time in a column in this publication, ALIN. To obtain a current listing of software titles or information on services, or to make an appointment to review software, contact the centers: Food and Nutrition Information Center, Attn: Jim Krebs-Smith, Room 304, NAL, Beltsville, MD 20705 (301) 344-3719; or, Software Demonstration Center, Attn: Lee Decker Special Services Branch, Room 111, NAL, Beltsville, MD 20705 (301) 344-3704. 

NAL Special Collections Reading Room



The Reading Room.

Symposium
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Joe Howard, Director NAL, Dedicating the Room.



Dr. Alan Fusonie, Head, Special
Collections, NAL, (above left)
and Symposium Speaker, Dr. Carl
Fleischhauer, American Folklife
Center, Library of Congress.



Keith Russell, Chief, Public Ser-
vices, NAL (above left), and Tru-
man Fossum, whose papers relating
to the floriculture industry are
in NAL's Special Collections.



Dr. Frank Burke, Acting Archivist, U.S.
National Archives & Records Adminis-
tration (l to r); Dr. Waldemar Klassen,
Beltsville Area Director, Agricultural
Research Service; Dr. Henry M. Cathey,
Director, U.S. National Arboretum, who
transferred 7,000 pomological watercolor
paintings to Special Collections at the
dedication; and Joseph H. Howard, NAL
Director.

Dedication and Symposium, April 16, 1987



Layne R. Beaty (above left), USDA retired, whose papers on the history of USDA radio and television are part of NAL Special Collections, and Dr. Wayne Rasmussen, retired USDA historian, President of NAL Associates, and President of the Agricultural History Society, who transferred the records of society to Special Collections at the dedication.



Dr. James A. Duke, botanist, Agricultural Research Service, and Symposium Speaker Dr. Jim Reveal, botanist, Univ. of MD. (above)



The Associates NAL, Inc., provided refreshments; Joe Howard displays the cake. (above)

Symposium Speaker, Ellen Welis, Chief, Special Collections, Smithsonian Institution Libraries. (right)



Symposium Speaker, Elizabeth Woodburn, Bookdealer, Booknoll Farm, Hopewell, NJ (left)



The Breeze, courtesy of The Associates.

NAL SPONSORS NLW PARTNERS APPRECIATION DAY

by Marilyn Jacobs

On March 26th, the staff at NAL welcomed members of the National Library Week (NLW) Partners Program for a day of informative presentations on Library activities, demonstrations of new technologies, and tours of the facility. The occasion was the 4th annual Partners Appreciation Day sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) to commend and thank the 60 national partners now participating in the NLW program. The NLW Partners Program, launched in the fall of 1983, actively encourages support of libraries, reading, books, and literacy. Welcoming the group was NAL Director Joe Howard, who reaffirmed the need to strengthen public understanding and support for libraries and literacy.



NLW Partners and National Task Force members gather for their first ever group portrait. Twenty organizations including GPO, NLM, Women's National Book Assoc., Literacy Volunteers of America, ASIS, American Mothers, and American Foundation for the Blind were represented.

In the opening remarks by Mary Levering, Chair of the National Partnership Task Force, guests were encouraged to make NLW not just a week, as the name suggests, but to make National Library Week a year-long emphasis. Attendees were presented with a copy of the Presidential Proclamation designating 1987 as "The Year of the Reader." President Reagan, in signing the proclamation, summoned all Americans to observe the year with educational activities "to recognize the importance of restoring reading to a place of preeminence in our personal lives and in the life of our Nation."

Presenting a certificate of appreciation to NAL are Dr. Elizabeth Stone (2nd from left), Dean Emeritus, The Catholic University of America; Eileen Cook, Executive Director, ALA; and Mary Levering, Chair NLW Task Force, Library of Congress. Accepting on behalf of NAL is Marilyn Jacobs (left), Public Affairs Specialist, NAL.



As the official host of Partnership Appreciation Day, the NAL staff presented a comprehensive overview of its mission and services. The participants were treated to an array of exhibits provided by the coordinators of the specialized Information Centers on such topics as critical agricultural materials, aquaculture, alternative farming, food irradiation, horticulture, and more. Demonstrations of the many applications of new technologies being developed and implemented at NAL attracted wide interest.



NAL's Lee Decker (at the computer) shows the NLW Partners how to search the AGRICOLA database now available on compact disc. Also demonstrated was the Library's full text laser disc project.




Attendees surround Jerry Rafats of NAL to view the expert system software package designed to provide users with easy access to information on specialized topics such as aquaculture and food and nutrition.

After touring the NAL, viewing the extraordinary display of rare books in the Special Collections Reading Room, and observing the laser disc demonstration of the Forest Service photo collection, the Partners and NAL staff gathered on the terrace of the 14th floor for a luncheon sponsored by the American Library Association.



The day concluded with a lunch and superb view of the Maryland countryside visible from the 14th floor of the Library. One lucky person at each table was presented with the floral centerpiece as a token of friendship from NAL.

The National Agricultural Library was delighted to welcome this very distinguished group and to have the opportunity to foster the development of alliances between ALA, other national organizations, and libraries. The NAL endorses the Partnership premise that quality library service is advantageous for everyone and fully acknowledges the importance to our society of the work by libraries. 

NEW AUDIOCASSETTE TOUR FROM THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY

A revised self-guided tour of the Library is now available to visitors and patrons to orient them to the resources and services offered at Beltsville, MD. The walking tour was developed to accommodate changes to the Reading Rooms and to bring users up to date on NAL's new media and technology for the delivery of information. Dramatic changes in traditional library services have taken place with such innovations as expert systems, laser videodiscs, and compact discs which enhance NAL's responsiveness to its clientele. In addition, the recent formation of specialized information centers better serves current users and reaches out to new user groups.

The 20 minute tour also guides patrons through the use of the card catalog, introduces them to AGRICOLA (NAL's database containing over two million literature citations), and the Library's historical collection. The audio-cassette allows users to proceed at their own pace. Informative brochures and a locator map are provided. At the end of the tour assistance is available from librarians and staff technicians. For further information contact Marilyn Jacobs, Education & Information Staff, Room 203, (301) 344-3937.



Pamela Andre, Chief ISD, Sarah Thomas, Chief TSD, & Victoria Reich, Head, Acquisitions & Serials (l to r), at farewell party May 1 for Reich, who will become Head of Serials at Stanford University Library, California.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

NAL led the all-day Information Technology Update held at the Library of Congress (LC) on May 8 which was sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee and by the DC Special Libraries Association. Sam Waters, Associate Director of NAL, developed the program and was its MC; he also gave one of the principal speeches, on creating expert or advisory systems. Pamela Andre, Chief of NAL's Information Systems Division, spoke about NAL's Cooperative Text Digitizing Project with the Land Grant Universities to test text digitizing as a preservation medium. Janis Morariu, of the University of Maryland, gave a presentation entitled "Interactive Videodisks for Training: How they are Made and What They Cost: AGRICOLearn at NAL." In the afternoon session Lee Decker, Coordinator of NAL's Information Technology and Software Demonstration Centers, demonstrated AGRICOLA on CD-ROM, while Sam Waters and Janis Marariu demonstrated various expert systems developed at NAL and AGRICOLearn, respectively. Others on the program included Jerry McFaul of the Geological Survey, who spoke on CD-ROM; Amy Glomm of American Management Systems who spoke on Expert Systems; Marie Allen of the National Archives, who spoke on text digitizing from manuscripts and documents in mixed formats including handwriting; Betsy Parker of LC, who spoke on the LC, interactive videodisk systems for photo collections; and Tom Tate of USDA's Extension Service, who spoke on the use of cooperative videodiscs in extension work. Other demonstrations included LC's full text project using optical digital systems and LC's videodisk system for prints and photographs.

PAMELA ANDRE TO SPEAK IN AMSTERDAM

Pamela Q. J. Andre, Chief, Information Systems Division, will be one of the Conference Leaders at the "Imagery on CD-ROM Conference" sponsored by the Institute for Graphic Communication at the Novotel Hotel in Amsterdam, Holland, June 3-5, 1987. Andre will discuss digital videodisc vs. online delivery, data preparation for multimedia on digital videodisc, the national agriculture text digitizing project, and implications for developing countries.



ASSOCIATES NAL, INC. ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1987
RAMADA HOTEL
5910 Princess Garden Parkway
LANHAM, MARYLAND

(Next to the Beltway at I95 exit #20A
Off U.S. 450 toward Annapolis)

LUNCHEON BUFFET--\$11.00

Includes 2 hot entrees; potato, vegetable;
3 assorted salads; rolls & butter; dessert;
coffee, tea (iced or hot), Sanka

AGENDA: 11:30 - 1:30 Cash Bar
12:00 - 1:00 Luncheon Served
Reservations Required
1:00 - Guest Speaker
Business Meeting

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 15, 1987

GUEST SPEAKER: *Why Regenerative Agriculture Has a Bright Future*

Mr. Robert Rodale
President, Rodale Press

Known as the publisher of all of the serials pictured here, Rodale Press fills the reading and information needs of many people in today's society. It also publishes many works in the field of agriculture, especially on organic farming and gardening, and serials such as The New Farm. Mr. Rodale has been the editor of many of the serials and the author of books including Our Next Frontier, 1981; Sane Living in a Mad World, 1972; and The Best Health Ideas I Know, 1974. He is also the president of the Regenerative Agriculture Association, and is well-known in the world of shooting sports where he received awards and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

I will be attending the Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Associates of the National Agricultural Library, Inc., on July 23, 1987. Enclosed is my check for \$11.00.

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS

Make checks payable to Associates NAL, Inc., and mail to Joseph N. Swab, Executive Secretary, Associates NAL, Inc., Room 203, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. (301) 344-3937. RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 15, 1987.



PUBLICATIONS EXCHANGE

SURPLUS PUBLICATIONS

The following publications are surplus to the needs of the National Agricultural Library's collection. They will be made available to any interested organization that regularly sends free publications to NAL. This includes most Federal, land-grant, and agricultural research institutions as well as many others. Foreign institutions will need to provide a U.S. mailing address or make other special arrangements with U.S. sources for shipment of material. Listed titles can be requested up to 6 weeks following announcement.

If interested, please write to: National Agricultural Library, USDA, Attn: Gift and Exchange, Room 002, Beltsville, MD. 20705, or call Susan Fugate, (301) 344-3737.

At-Fa. Official Journal of the American Turpentine Farmers Assoc. Vol. 10-11, 1947-49; 27-28, 1965-66.

Arabian Horse World. 1983-85.

Bibliography of Agriculture. Vol. 1-43, 1942-1979. Some volumes are missing.

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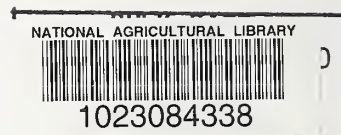
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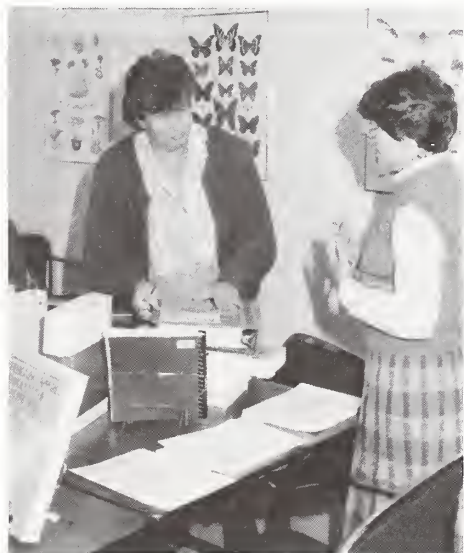


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